CONSTITUTION
OF THE
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF VACAVILLE

AFFILIATED WITH
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN THE U. S. A.

America, or in other churches of like ideals, are eligible for membership in this church. Any person presenting a letter from one of said churches, upon being recommended by the session and receiving a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the church shall be admitted to full membership with all the rights and privileges thereof.

(b) On confession of faith. Any applicant giving satisfactory evidence to the session of a desire and purpose to live an upright Christian life, upon being recommended by the session and receiving a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the church, shall be received and accorded all the rights and privileges of membership.

Form of reception. The formal reception of a newly elected member shall take place at a regular meeting of the church and shall include a favorable answer to the following covenantal questions:

1. Do you believe in and accept God as your Father, Jesus Christ, His Son, as your Savior, and the Holy Spirit as your Comforter and Guide?
2. Do you accept the Bible as God's Word for you, and do you promise, with His help, to make it the rule of your faith and practice?
3. As a member of the church, do you promise, with God's help, to try to keep peace, unity and good fellowship in that body?
4. Do you consecrate yourself and all that you have so far as you understand God would have you use it for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom worldwide?

ARTICLE II.

Ordinance

1. Baptism. Baptism shall be administered by the pastor, or by any minister in good standing in any of the churches of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, according to the form chosen by the candidate.

2. Communion Service. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be observed monthly, or whenever the session may direct.

ARTICLE III.

Officers

The officers of the congregation shall consist of a pastor, nine ruling elders, a board of seven trustees, a financial secretary, a treasurer and a recording clerk; and when elected and qualified shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. The congregation shall hold an annual meeting on the first Tuesday of April, for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business which may come before the meeting. In case it seems advisable, the session may change the time of the meeting; provided, however that is shall not be changed for more than thirty days.

Section 2. All meetings for the transaction of congregational business, together with the annual meeting, shall be announced from the pulpit for two Sundays previous.

Section 3. The pastor, or if the pulpit be vacant, the moderator of the session, shall preside at congregational meetings, except those called for temporal business, at which the chairman of the board of trustees shall preside.

ARTICLE V.

Elections

Section 1. All elections shall be held at the annual congregational meeting.

Section 2. All officers shall assume their duties as soon as elected and qualified, the old officers remaining in power until their successors have been chosen and qualified.

Section 3. The session shall act as the nominating committee, whose duty it is to report at the annual congregational meeting a list of candidates for all vacant offices. The acceptance of the report places the recommendation in nomination. Any qualified voter has the right to make additional nominations, for which the moderator shall always give opportunity.

Section 4. All officers shall be elected by ballot, eliminating the one having the least votes after each ballot until the required number are elected, a majority of all votes cast being necessary for an election.

Section 5. All members of the church in full communion and all who contribute regularly to the support of the church have a right to vote.

Section 6. The length of term for ruling elders shall be three years; for trustees three years; for financial secretary one year; for treasurer one year, and for recording clerk one year.

Section 7. Immediately after the first election the nine ruling elders shall be divided equally by lot into three classes under the direction of the moderator of the meeting. The seats of the ruling elders of the first class shall be vacated in April, 1927, of the second class in April, 1926, and of the third class in April, 1925, so that one-third may be chosen each year.

Immediately after the first election the seven trustees shall be divided by lot, under the direction of the moderator, into three classes—three in the first class, two in the second class, and two in the third class. The seats of the trustees of the first class shall be vacated in April, 1927, of the second class in April, 1926, and of the third class in April, 1925.

Section 8. The order of election of officers shall be: (1) elders, (2) trustees, (3) financial secretary, (4) treasurer, (5) clerk.

ARTICLE VI.

The Session

Section 1. The session shall elect a clerk and treasurer. The clerk shall keep the records of the church and minutes of the meetings of session, and act in conjunction with the clerk of the congregation when the congregation is convened for the election of officers. The treasurer shall take charge of all contributions for benevolent purposes.

Section 2. The session shall hold regular monthly meetings, and always at the call of the moderator.

Section 3. The reports from all departments of the church shall be submitted to the session, from which an annual report shall be compiled.

Section 4. The session, at their own instance, may convene the congregation for filling vacancies in church offices and transacting other business; and it shall always be their duty to call the congregation when requested by the board of trustees for the consideration of temporal affairs, or when petitioned by a majority of the congregation. When so convened, it shall enter upon no business except that stated in the call.

Section 5. The session shall have and exercise authority over the worship of the congregation, including the musical service, and shall determine the time and place of preaching the Word and all other religious services. They shall also have exclusive authority over the uses to which the church buildings may be put, but may temporarily delegate the determination of such uses to the board of trustees, subject always, however, to the superior authority and direction of the session.

ARTICLE VII.

Board of Trustees

Section 1. The trustees when duly elected shall be qualified within ten days, or at the pleasure of the court.

Section 2. The board shall organize by electing a president and secretary, appointing finance and auditing committees and such other committees as seem necessary to transact properly the business of the board.

Section 3. The regular business meeting of the board of trustees shall be held on the second Monday evening of each month, or at such other time as the board may choose, such change to be effective only until the new board organizes the following April.

Section 4. Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. The board of trustees shall reorganize in the event of filling by special election as many as two vacancies.

Section 6. The president of the board of trustees shall preside at the meetings of the board, perform such other duties as is expected of a presiding officer, or as the board may require. He shall call special meetings when requested to do so by two members.

Section 7. The secretary of the board of trustees shall keep a record of its proceedings, attend to all matters of correspondence, and notify members of all meetings.

Section 8. The finance committee of the board of trustees shall consist of the financial secretary and two other members appointed as the board may direct. The finance committee shall receive all moneys, deliver contributions for benevolent purposes to the treasurer of the session, and all other contributions to the treasurer of the congregation, and perform such other duties as the board may subscribe.

Section 9. The auditing committee shall audit the treasurer's books at the close of the church year and report the audit to the board of trustees.

Section 10. The board of trustees shall provide for the pastor's salary and incidental expenses of the church. To this end they shall solicit a subscription from each member of the congregation for the current year, and provide both weekly and monthly envelopes.

Section 11. The board of trustees shall determine the compensation for employees of the church and draw up rules defining their duties.

Section 12. The board of trustees shall hold title to the church property, as required by the laws of the State.

Section 13. The board of trustees shall have general oversight of the church property, make such repairs as may be necessary for the proper maintenance of the buildings and care of the grounds; provided, however, that systematic extensive repairs shall not be undertaken without it be so ordered by the congregation. This section shall not be construed as giving the trustees authority to grant or withhold the use of the buildings for any purpose contrary to the wishes of the session.

Section 14. The board of trustees shall present an itemized statement of all receipts and disbursements at the annual congregational meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Financial Secretary

The financial secretary shall act as a member of the finance committee, keep a record and take a receipt for all moneys turned over to the treasurer of the congregation, keep an account of the plate collections, crediting the envelope collections to the individual members, issue notices to all who are delinquent in payments, and issue all orders on the treasurer of the congregation for disbursements.

ARTICLE IX.

The Treasurer

The treasurer of the congregation shall receive from the finance committee of the board of trustees all moneys of the board and issue receipts for same. He shall keep an account of all receipts and disbursements, and present a statement at such times as the board of trustees may require, and a report at the annual congregational meeting. He shall pay all orders drawn on him by the financial secretary as ordered by the board of trustees. He shall have under his charge all moneys of the board of trustees, and his books shall be, at all times, open to the inspection of the board of trustees. He shall deliver to his successor in office all property of the congregation in his hands.

ARTICLE X.

The Recording Clerk

The recording clerk shall keep in a book provided for that purpose the minutes of the proceedings of the congregation, make a minute in full of all reports, etc., also of officers having been duly qualified.

ARTICLE XI.

Amendments

Any article or section of this constitution may be amended or suspended at any regular congregational meeting by a two-thirds vote of all the members present, previous notice of such amendment having been given from the pulpit for two consecutive Sundays.

ARTICLE XII.

All former rules and regulations other than Presbyterian Law and Usage, etc., governing this congregation contrary to the provisions of this constitution are hereby declared void.

Approved in session by unanimous consent this 13th day of April, 1924. In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names.

Members of the session—
O. E. MERCHANT
H. D. CHANDLER
PAUL BURK
H. D. JOHNSON
NORMAN BETHUNE
E. W. STODDARD
WILLIAM L. PEARSON

Adopted by the Community Church of Vacaville, affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., at the congregational meeting held April 21, 1924.

(Signed)
A. F. FRUHLING, Moderator
MRS. GEORGE MARCH, Clerk.

OFFICERS

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Bolter, Homer
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